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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PORG, SHUM, UNESCO
SUBJECT: UNESCO: DUMITRESCU

1. LEN MARTIN (UK), CHAIRMAN OF THE UNESCO EXECUTIVE
BOARD TELEPHONED AT NOON TODAY ASKING TO SEE DELOFF.

2. MARTIN HAD DISCUSSED DUMITRESCU WITH THE DG AND
WITH EXBD MEMBER HUGH PHILP (AUSTRALIA). HE SAID THAT
THE SCENARIO PHILP REPORTED TO US YESTERDAY WAS ONLY
ONE OF SEVERAL THAT MIGHT BE ADOPTED FOR HANDLING THE
DUMITRESCU CASE AT FORTHCOMING EXBD, BUT IT APPEARS TO
BE THE ONE TOWARD WHICH MARTIN IS LEANING (I.E.,
PRIVATE SESSION FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC SESSION.)

3. MARTIN WANTS TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT GIVING GOR
CORRECT PARLIAMENTARY TREATMENT, AND FEELS IT WOULD BE
UNDESIRABLE TO CRITICIZE THEM IN PUBLIC WITHOUT FIRST
HAVING HAD A PRIVATE DISCUSSION, TO WHICH GOR REP
WOULD BE A PARTY. HIS OBJECT IS TO AVOID GIVING GOR
ANY PRETEXT FOR WITHHOLDING COOPERATION.
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4. THE LUSSIER/ICJ PAPER IS VERY "LEGAL" ACCORDING TO
MARTIN. (HE SEEMED TO MEAN THAT IT FOCUSED ON LEGAL
TECHNICALITIES.)

5. WE TOLD MARTIN OUR IMPRESSION FROM LAST VISIT WITH
THE DG WAS THAT THE DG, ALTHOUGH EARNESTLY DESIRING TO

GET THE CASE RESOLVED IN DUMITRESCU'S FAVOR, DID NOT SEE WHAT FURTHER STEPS UNESCO COULD TAKE THAT WOULD DO THE JOB. MARTIN AGREED THAT THE DG CONTINUES TO BE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED, BUT FEELS HE HAS EXHAUSTED HIS MEANS.

6. MARTIN SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE DG THAT THE EXBD SEEK AN ICJ ADVISORY OPINION. HE FELT THAT A FURTHER PUBLIC DISCUSSION IN THE EXBD, PLUS PUBLICITY SURROUNDING THE DECISION TO SEEK ADVISORY OPINION ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEASURES UNESCO CAN TAKE AT THIS TIME.

7. WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT TOLD MARTIN OR ANYONE ELSE HERE THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAND A LETTER TO ANA, IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR FIELD OF ACTION UNENCUMBERED FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT. WE REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ON WHETHER OR NOT TO GENERATE ANY PUBLICITY OURSELVES. IF ANA ASKS US IF SHE CAN GIVE LETTER TO THE PRESS, WE PROPOSE TO TELL HER THAT THAT IS A MATTER FOR HER OWN DECISION.

8. AMBASSADOR TORRES PLANS TO DEPART PARIS APRIL 5, RETURNING WEEKEND OF APRIL 16. IF LETTER DOES NOT ARRIVE IN TIME FOR DELIVERY TO ANA BEFORE APRIL 5, DOES DEPARTMENT WISH THAT IT BE HELD UNTIL HIS RETURN?
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CLEARLY, DELIVERY BY AMBASSADOR WOULD HAVE MORE IMPACT THAN DELIVERY BY DELOFF. DELIVERY THE WEEK OF APRIL 17 WOULD STILL PERMIT PUBLICITY BEFORE THE EXBD SESSION OPENS (APRIL 24).
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